

Mayor's Beat the Heat Project

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During the record-level heat of Summer 2011, City of Longview Mayor Jay Dean launched an effort to assist elderly, disabled, and low-income residents by providing window air conditioner units for their homes. Called the "Mayor's Beat the Heat Project," the program has been funded entirely by private donations from throughout the Longview community. So far, more than \$30,000 has been pledged for the effort.

The project provides 1 window air conditioner unit per household on a first come, first serve basis while supplies last. The air conditioners are 1000 BTU units with cooling capacity of approximately 150 square feet. The Area Agency on Aging is assisting with the in-take process for the project. Other local nonprofits are assisting with the distribution and installation of the air conditioners.

The eligibility requirements for the project gave preference to:

• Elderly (age 65+) or disabled residents (Reside within Zip Codes 75603-75608)

• Low income residents (Reside within Zip Codes 75603-75608)

• Homes that do not currently have adequate air conditioning

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